consumption of foodgrains is placed at 227.16 million tonnes for the year 2001-02. The production of foodgrains is estimated to be 192.26 million tonnes during 1997-98 and 203.04 million tonnes during 1998-99.

(b) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments for increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains, the Government of India is implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems' Areas (ICDP-Rice); Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping Systems' Areas (ICDP-Wheat); Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Based Cropping Systems' Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals); Central Sector Seed Minikit Programme of Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals including propagation of improved Crop Production Technology; and National Pulses Development Project (NPDP).

(c) and (d) The Government imported 1667.92 thousand tonnes of foodgrains worth Rs. 1350.78 Crores during 1998-99.

Grants to Cyclone affected areas of Orissa

13. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sources, including foreign countries, from which Government have received grants/assistance to provide relief to the cyclone affected people in Orissa, with the names and description of the sources;

(b) the nature of grant/assistance from each of them; and

(c) whether the assistance/grant have fully been utilized, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO):
(a) to (c) Voluntary contributions from foreign countries in cash are made to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) and in kind to the Indian Red Cross Society. Grants/assistance were received from Non Resident Indians and others, including foreign countries, in

the wake of cyclone in Orissa. The amount of such contributions cannot be quantified. Disbursement from the PMNRF are entirely at the discretion of the Prime Minister.

Facilities to Farmers in Meghalaya

14. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided facilities to the farmers to increase the production of agricultural items in the State of Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to provide agricultural implements and machines under various crop specific programmes in the State of Meghalaya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have provided facilities to the farmers to increase the production of agricultural items in the North-East states, including the state of Meghalaya, through various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes as given in the statement. *(See* below).

(d) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers", subsidy @ 30% (limited to Rs. 30,000) is provided to farmers, individually or in groups, for the purchase of tractors upto 30 PTO HP capacity and their matching implements. Under Production-Oriented Schemes such as Oilseeds Production Programme, National Pulses Development Project, Integrated Cereal Development Programme (Rice), financial assistance is provided for improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, power tillers, etc.